2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
for the year ending December 31, 2017
a message from Board President

Robert Schaufeld

2017 was a year of Transition. The Board of Trustees and Staff had their hands full adjusting after the re-opening of the Main Library. We faced the daunting task of completing the move, unpacking, and organizing our operations. During the year, the vast majority of the Punch List items were resolved, leaving just a few issues which are currently being completed. The community quickly acclimated to the feel and layout of the renovated Main Library and returned home in full force. There were issues along the way, but all made a concerted effort to work together and reach amicable resolutions.

Interim Director Tracy Geiser worked tirelessly with the staff to facilitate the vision of our Great Neck Library System and was able to resolve the terms of the Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement. As a community we are fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated staff.

Our new alarm and security systems were installed and are functioning well. The RFID hardware was installed and we expect the system to be fully operational early next year. We are very excited about the self-checkout, security, inventory and other features that will be available once the system comes on line. The Community Room AV systems were completed and the space has been successfully utilized to host numerous films, educational and cultural events. The Levels audio system was installed to complement the theatrical lighting together which allow us to present programming in a professional theatre environment. Levels has proudly presented several shows since the reopening all of which were amazing and well attended.

We initiated the process for the renovation of the Station and Parkville branches by hiring a renowned space planning firm to guide our efforts. The future renovation of these branches will enhance the patron experience and allow us to deliver state-of-the-art services and facilities.

We are looking forward to the implementation of the Landscaping plan that was presented to the public prior to the re-opening of Main. It is anticipated that the landscaping contractor will be hired very soon and that the beautification work will commence in the spring.

We mourned the passing of Jonathan Aubrey, a lifelong resident of Great Neck, and a beloved Reference Librarian, who began his career at the Library in 1999. He had a passion for and devotion to the Great Neck Library History Collection on which he spent countless hours. He enjoyed doing programming and bringing famous authors to the Library. Jon was an active member of the Staff Association and fought hard for fair and equitable labor practices.

Under the leadership of Donna Litke, the scope and quality of library Programming has regained its preeminent stature on Long Island and has made us a destination location for quality entertainment. We also welcomed back art and historical displays in our newly created gallery.

The Great Neck Library now makes another transition as we welcome our new Director, Denise Corcoran. She is excited to join us and shares our vision for the Great Neck Library. Our future plans include being ahead of the curve by making the latest Technological advances available for our patrons and fulfilling our mission to be a central part of the Community by establishing our relevance, expanding outreach and delivering the best possible services.

The Great Neck Library through the years. From left to right: 540 Middle Neck Road (1892-1907); 14 Arrandale Avenue, now the Great Neck House (1907-69); 159 Bayview Avenue, now the Main Building (1970-present)
From the Interim Director’s Desk

Our first year in our renovated Main building has come to a close. As with every new renovation, there is a learning curve. We have continued working with the architect and general contractor on the final punch list items. We have listened to the community and have been implementing changes such as changing the Children’s outside door to a push button instead of a motion sensor and adding benches to the outside entrance.

We are looking forward to breaking ground on our landscaping project with Bayview Landscaping and creating our Anne Hyde Memorial Children’s Garden this spring.

We are anticipating the implementation of the RFID and self-check system throughout the library.

This system will enable us to have item security and run accurate inventory lists. The streaming software that we have installed will allow us to present programs at the Main building and stream it to another branch. This will allow patrons who cannot make it to the Main building to be present at another. A huge thank you to Donna Litke who has brought amazing programming to us this past year. We look forward to seeing what she brings to us in the future.

Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly lugging boxes, shelving, and organizing to get our renovated building ready for our grand opening. Thank you to the staff who continuously serves our community with a smile.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Director, Denise Corcoran as she joins our Great Neck family this year.

Tracy Geiser, Interim Director

Treasurer’s Report

I am pleased to report that Great Neck Library finances remain on solid footing.

At the close of business, June 30, 2017, total general fund holdings were $6,159,224 of which $5,791,903 was on deposit at HSBC, $182,778 at Chase Bank, $182,573 at US Bank as Trustee for the DASNY bonds, and $1,970 in Petty Cash funds at Main and the Branches. This compares to a June 2016 balance of $5,117,580.

Additionally, the cash balance of the Main Building and Special Services fund was $795,539; the DASNY Construction fund was $389,322; the Restricted Gift fund was $342,590; the landscaping fund was $999,809; the Branch and Special Services fund was $403,479; the Automated Library fund was $271,834; and the Bond Retirement Fund was $250,000. These funds totaled $3,452,573 on June 30, 2017. The June 2016 total was $5,794,829.

2017 has seen the following accomplishments:

• The re-opening of our beautifully renovated Main Library in October 2016.
• The fiscal year ended on June 30, 2017 resulted in a net operating surplus of $984,114. The 2018 Finance Committee will be making recommendations to the Board for the disposition of these funds.
• Renewal of a five year lease for our Lakeville Branch.
• Continued review and renegotiation of expiring contracts and agreements have resulted in ongoing savings.

Copies of our audited financial statements as prepared by our auditors, RS Abrams & Co., LLP, are currently available at the Reference desks of Main and the branches.

Respectfully submitted,
Marietta DiCamillo, Treasurer

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In Memoriam of Dear Friends & Colleagues

It is with heavy hearts that the Great Neck Library family mourns the passing of our dear friend and colleague Jonathan Aubrey, on Monday, July 24, 2017.

A Great Neck native and resident, Jon began his library career at the Library in 1999 when he was hired as a clerk in the Circulation Department. He attained his Master of Library Science degree and became a Reference librarian in 2002.

Jon had an extensive knowledge of archival practices and also of the history of the Great Neck community. He used those talents to maintain and develop the Library’s Great Neck local history collection, and created a Great Neck history blog. His skill in locating and sharing information was very helpful to members of the Great Neck Historical Society who nominated him in 2016 as a candidate for the American Library Association’s annual I Love My Librarian Award.

Jon was proud to represent the Library each year at the Annual Street Fair in town. On many occasions he would make baked goods for all the staff to enjoy. Jon was a devoted Levels alumnus, and as Past President and a strong member of the Great Neck Library Staff Association, he fought hard for fair and equitable labor practices.

A kind and gentle soul, we will greatly miss and remember Jon with much love.

Harriet Fargnoli, beloved Children’s Librarian from 1991 until her retirement in 2007, passed away on Thursday, August 24, 2017. Harriet was a Senior Librarian in the Children’s Department, a leader in the Great Neck Library Staff Association, a New York Times Librarian of the Year award winner in 2005, and an inspiration to all of us who knew her and worked with her.
By the Numbers

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Reserves & Interloans

Placed: 70,863
Filled: 83,365

Library Cardholders

- Adult Resident: 26,301
- Junior Resident (K-6): 6,948
- Non-Resident: 2,446
TOTAL: 35,695

New Cards Issued

- Adult Resident: 2,676
- Junior Resident (K-6): 997
- Non-Resident: 228
TOTAL: 3,901

Cards Renewed

- Resident: 2,596
- Non-Resident: 70
TOTAL: 2,666

Library Collection (by title)

- Books: 140,928
- Periodicals: 471
- Electronic Databases: 29
- Film DVDs: 15,841
- Audiobooks: 4,787
- Music CDs: 8,788
- Digital Film: 12,725
- Digital Music: 280,448
- e-Books: 234,336
- e-AudioBooks: 51,428
- Special Items: 1

Library Services

- Digital Downloads: 19,745
- Homebound Service Deliveries: 56
- Items Delivered: 306
- Documents Notarized: 84

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Reference Department

When the Main Library re-opened in late 2016, the library director informed the staff that it would take at least a year to get the library up and running at the same level it had been before we closed. I am happy to say that we are just about there. Our circulating shelves have been re-stocked. Even though we are still reviewing books for relevance and condition on our circulating and storage shelves, most of the collection has been reviewed. Our ordering is back on target.

Our plan to order a microfilm system finally came to fruition this fall, thanks to a grant received by the library. We now have a microfilm reader-printer-scanner that is available for staff and public use in our Great Neck History Room. The public can view microfilm of our two Great Neck newspapers dating back to 1926 (Great Neck News) and 1933 (Great Neck Record). Microfilm and microfiche of the Nassau County white page telephone books are also available back to 1913. The public can contact the Reference Department to make an appointment to use this equipment. We are very fortunate that one of our reference librarians has taken on the responsibility of managing the History Room.

The Reference Department continues to purchase e-books in place of some of our multi-volume print materials. They are easily accessible from the library’s online database, GVRL, the Gale Virtual Reference Library, freeing our shelves for other materials.

We are still working on labeling our shelves to help both patrons and staff find our materials. As we continue to shift books, we will also change the call numbers on the book shelf end caps. Fiction in the Young Adult collection is now labeled by genre. Fantasy, Historical novels, Mystery and Science Fiction, all have colored stickers designating one of the four genres. We have also started to separate our adult fantasy fiction from science fiction.

Our online databases continue to gain in popularity. Consumer Reports online gets more and more usage, containing complete reports for patrons to read, e-mail and forward. RB Digital, the new name for Zinio, allows patrons to read or download current popular magazines that the library has purchased for online use. Other popular databases include the library edition of Ancestry, our genealogical database; numerous business databases including the Value Line investment survey; career resources which offer help writing resumes and list job announcements; literature resources with materials on literary works, authors and criticism; live online tutoring through BrainFuse, and preparation for the ACT, PSAT, ACT and SAT, high school equivalency and citizenship with Learning Express.

The entire list, plus a description of each, is available from Research, then Online Resources, from the library’s home page. We currently have 29 electronic databases.

Our periodicals continue to be popular for browsing in the library and for circulating. The library owns 471 periodical and newspaper subscriptions.

Our four study rooms are well used. It is very rare to find one of the rooms vacant! The upstairs area for laptop use is also heavily used, especially after school, in the evening and on weekends. It offers students another quiet area to study.

The Persian collection has now been re-settled back at the Main Library, just as it was prior to the Main Library’s closing in 2014. New Persian books can be easily found on the book cart at the end of the stack, with a sign in Farsi indicating ‘new books.’

I was contacted in late spring by Oklahoma Correctional Industries, asking that the Great Neck Library participate in their high school yearbook digitization project. The State of Oklahoma had authorized the digitizing of high school yearbooks throughout the United States. We were asked to send our North (Arista) and South (Vista) high school yearbooks from 1955-1988 to Oklahoma where they would be digitized and returned to us, at no charge to the library. A number of Nassau County libraries had already participated and were very pleased with the result. True to their word, I received an e-mail in October stating that our yearbooks were on their way back to us, in the same condition as they were sent, along with two digitized disks of the yearbooks’ contents.

English Language Classes have exceeded our expectations. There is demand for these sessions at all of our locations, and classes have been ongoing at the Station and Parkville Branches. Beginning in early 2018, a class will be starting on Thursday evenings at the Lakeville Branch. We are also planning to offer them at Main this spring.

Librarians proctor Distance Exams for Great Neck residents taking online courses. Interested patrons can contact the Reference Department for information.

Our Reference Department librarians do so much more than answer questions at the Reference Desk and on the telephone, offer computer assistance and order book and online materials. They suggest and lead discussion groups and library programs as well. Great Neck is very fortunate to have such a capable staff!

Margery Chodosch, Interim Head, Reference Department
In 2017, after working 12 years in the Reference Department, I changed my hat at the Great Neck Library and took the position of Outreach Program Coordinator. My main intention in my new position was, and continues to be, to offer a variety of Adult programs at the library that reflect the culture, intellect, and diversity of our vibrant community. The official opening of the Main building, with new space for programs, created much opportunity to accomplish this. In addition to building the Adult program department, we developed new partnerships in the community and made great use of our new art exhibition space. To help promote all the library events, we gave the newsletter a makeover and began bi-monthly e-mail blasts to keep the residents of Great Neck updated on all events.

Sunday afternoon musical highlights from the year include Jazz performances by Great Neck’s Sam Dillon and his trio, and NYC musician KJ Denhert and her band. Contemporary music performances include the Vic Vincent Group, Jimmy Moore, Nina Gordon and Steve Silverman, and The Hambones, to name a few. The Music Advisory Committee co-chaired by Gabe Chieco and Michele Ganz suggested performances by Counter Clockwise, Masterworks, Canta Libre, Akiko Kobayashi, and the Olli Soikkeli Quartet. Throughout 2017, we included “non-musical” forms of entertainment showcasing STAR Theater (Senior Theater Acting Rep.), VoiceScapes Audio performance, and The Moth Storytelling. Attendance grew as the community recognized the variety and quality of our program performances.

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Adult Programming & Publicity

Great Neck Alumni Ron Fassler shared stories from his memoir, Up in the Cheap Seats; and Diane Goldner (also a Great Neck Alumni) spoke about how she became an Energy Healer.

Our regular program series continues with Ron Gross and his popular Socrates Salon, and we have added new English as a Second Language programs. New to our regularly scheduled programs include weekly chess and scrabble. We have added a Wellness component to our scheduled programs which include Yoga, Mindful Meditation and Spiritual Study groups. It pleases me to hear the gratitude of the community for offering these programs!

The Art Exhibition space in the Main Library Lower Level Gallery had continuous scheduled exhibitions throughout 2017. Exhibitions included the Great Neck Library’s collection of Roman Vishniac Photographs, as well as a delightful showing of student art work from both Great Neck North and South High Schools. Our summer shows included a traveling exhibit titled “Plates for Hunger” followed by an exhibition of Nancy Kirk’s woodblock prints. The Fall art schedule began with the wonderful work of the Long Island Craft Guild and our first Ikebana Flower Show. The year ended with an exhibition presented by the Great Neck Historical Society, highlighting the Stepping Stones Lighthouse.

We built partnerships with Senator Elaine Phillips to collect school supplies in the Fall and with Assemblyman Anthony D’Urso’s office to collect donations for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico. Our annual Blood Drive with the New York Blood Center had record donations and we celebrated the Lunar New Year with programs presented by Great Neck Chinese Association. We were also pleased to be included as a location for the Gold Coast International Film Festival this year.

Throughout 2017, Adult program attendance continued to build each and every month. By the end of year, Adult program attendance ranged from 600 to 1,000 plus patrons in total for each month. I’d like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Debbie Feldman and Cindy Simeti who assist to fine tune every event in the Adult Program Department. I would also like to thank Tracy Geiser, Interim Director, and the Library Board for supporting all the Adult programs we offer. Last but not least, I’d like to thank the community. I so value your input regarding the Adult programs you attend, as well as your ideas for new programs. I learn from each and every one of you when you share your comments and we engage in conversation. I look forward to journeying into 2018 with you!

Donna Litke, MLS, Outreach Program Coordinator
From chick hatching to STEAM and Story time, Children’s was buzzing with activity in 2017! During the past year, a total of 309 story time programs were held with 4,497 in attendance at all four locations. 17,126 patrons enjoyed 719 special programs that included: STEAM programs for 3rd - 6th graders, scavenger hunts, cartooning club, sign language, Dungeons & Dragons program, chick incubation, cupcake decorating, magic shows, child-friendly musical concerts, animal shows, science adventures, arts and crafts workshops as well as the theatrical production of Peter and the Wolf.

Staff continued to improve and create a welcoming Main building from the completion of the 2016 renovation. It is clear that the Library is more valuable and relevant to the children, adults and families of the Great Neck community than ever before.

The Great Neck Library has four convenient locations that are staffed by friendly and dedicated Children’s department employees who welcome the chance to help you and your child have an enjoyable visit.

The support of the Towns, the residents of Great Neck, and Friends has been critical to our success this past year. Programming for the age group of birth through 12 years is a major part of our mission. Story times for preschoolers and toddlers are offered in the daytime during the school year. We offer 4 six week story time program sessions throughout the year. Beyond story time programs, kids of all ages enjoy our Children’s room where Librarians, clerks and pages assist our community of book lovers.

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After settling into Main at the end of last year, Levels was back at full force in 2017, offering over 500 workshops and staging 5 theatrical productions.

Levels began the year with the hiring of Jamie LaGasse, Levels Manager, who has introduced new program ideas, inspired her staff, and provided outstanding leadership. Levels continued to mentor teens through the arts, while expanding to include technology workshops, community service programs, and more.

Under the direction of Barry Weil, the Levels theater program produced 5 full-length shows in 2017. In February, the teens at Levels directed and produced Macbeth, adding their own twist to the Shakespearean classic. Theatre Workshop Players or TWP was produced in June, and it included original plays from teens. The summer musical, Fiddler on the Roof, was produced on a whirlwind schedule that included painting a 40-foot canvas as a backdrop, and was attended by over 120 patrons each night. The year ended with a production of The Picture of Dorian Gray, which included one of our most complex sets yet! The fifth production at Levels was the Jr. Levels performance of The Lion King Jr. Directed by Jonelle Robinson, 20 fifth and sixth-graders participated in this program, and the performance was attended by 100 patrons.

Olivia Lundelius, a regular teen participant at Levels, was nominated by Levels staff for the Nassau County Library Association’s BEST Award (to honor a teen who has made a significant contribution to his/her library) and won! Olivia taught workshops in coding, app development, and game design for teens at Levels. Olivia received the award at the Long Island Library Conference in May, and was also honored by the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees.

Jr. Levels expanded its programming in 2017, offering new workshops and programs for fifth and sixth-graders.

New workshops included classes from the Hall of Science, programs in Robotics and Coding, a six week-long summer program, and our first ever Jr. Levels play, The Lion King Jr. We plan to continue expanding programs for this age group in 2018, and we look forward to when the next batch of sixth-graders move on and begin attending regular Levels workshops.

Some additional Levels highlights from 2017:
• Craft-for-a-Cause workshops that focus on community service continue to be well attended.
• Annual Levels events like the Levels Picnic, Levelspalooza, and Feastival draw teens together to relax and bond.
• Levels Comic Con was attended by the 501st Legion in full cosplay.

The library’s Young Adult Librarian, Courtney Greenblatt, continued to offer programs to help meet the demanding academic needs of the community. We continued to offer SAT courses, SAT/ACT practice tests, and workshops on the College Essay and College Application Process.

Our Summer Reading workshops included community service opportunities for teens who helped make Cards for Hospitalized Kids, and a Giant Jenga Set for a nearby school. In addition, teens volunteered to be tech tutors for senior citizens, helping them learn to use their tablets, smartphones, and laptops. This program helped bridge two diverse age groups, offering teens and older residents of Great Neck an opportunity to work together.

We look forward to offering our programs that are already in high-demand, while figuring out new ideas and opportunities we can provide to the community in 2018!

Adam Hinz. Youth Services Coordinator,
Jamie LaGasse, Levels Manager,
Courtney Greenblatt, Young Adult Librarian

Check out the Teen Services Homepage on the Library website for event information.

from left to right: Levels’ summer musical Fiddler on the Roof, Barry Weil and the Theatre Workshop Players (TWP); Jr. Levels’ The Lion King, Jr.
In 2017, the Lakeville Branch continued former branch head Ruth Klement's legacy of kindness and service to our community. Our friendly and fast service brought us a second nomination for Best Library on Long Island!

Since I came into the position in March, Lakeville Branch has expanded and developed our offerings to be reflective of our community's needs and interests. New Collections, such as Paperback, Good Reads, Romance and the Vocational Collection have been snapped up by readers and information seekers. We were very lucky to expand our Korean and Chinese collections with new titles and translated texts so that our collection is reflective of Lakeville's Community.

The most exciting development at Lakeville is our expanded programming suite! We've developed fun, educational, and engaging programs for all ages at our location. We want adults to Express Yourself at Lakeville with our creative programs - Adult Coloring, Craft-Works Adult Craft Group, and Sticks in the Stacks Knitting and Crochet Class. In the summer, Lakeville hosted the Teen Tech Squad and has begun hosting monthly Device Assistance to help acclimate users to their phones and tablets. Lakeville Literary Club has continued on the last Wednesday of the month with active book discussions and has welcomed new members. For Children, Lakeville has kept fan favorites Creative Corner and Story Crafts going with Kara and Jamie! Throughout the year, we've introduced even more fun programs like LEGOs @ Lakeville, Family Game Night, and Jr Levels: STEAM On!

In December we celebrated Ruth's Life and Legacy at Lakeville with a memorial evening. Staff, Community Members, and Ruth's Family and Friends gathered to remember all of the joy that Ruth brought to their lives. Attendees gave these memories a permanent place in Lakeville by contributing to our memorial tree. All of the success that we have had at Lakeville this year begins with the Staff. None of the good we have been able to accomplish would be possible without Mina Pathak, Farah Shamuil and the Lakeville team. Thank you to all of the community members for helping to shape our branch into a thriving location, we are all looking forward to what more we can develop in 2018!

Alana Mutum, Lakeville Branch Head

On December 11, 2017, the Lakeville Branch hosted a small memorial for former Branch Head Ruth Klement. 82 members of the Lakeville Community including staff, patrons, family and friends of Ruth joined us for a celebration of Ruth’s life and her effect on the Great Neck Library.
Parkville Branch

The Parkville Branch saw many exciting things this past year. The year saw Parkville maintain many of its beloved programming, while adding new programs to further engage the community. Our consistently well attended AARP Drivers’ Safety Course met monthly, and we also continued both of our weekly Project Independence Groups. Our ever wonderful monthly book club continued its lively conversations, and began to see some new faces.

In addition to these wonderful community engaging programs, 2017 saw our passionate Knitting and Crochet Circle move from bi-weekly to weekly, Tech Squad (a joint program with Levels), and computer classes. Parkville also started a weekly English Class. The group started small, but soon began to build momentum, and we are excited to continue this new weekly staple into the future.

A program we were particularly proud of was our first Veterans’ Fair. Many thanks to Christy Orquera (now at the Main Library) for her amazing organizational and interpersonal skills. This program saw over a dozen local and national organizations come and interact with our local veterans. This allowed for many of our community members to see what services are available to them, all in one amazingly wonderful and friendly place.

This summer also saw the newest and most huggable addition to the Parkville family: Sunshine the Giraffe. The Children’s Dept. graciously sent Parkville our very own giraffe! We had a contest and had the children select her name. Doris Pinzon then created a lovely giraffe cut-out so the children can take their photo as a giraffe…right next to Sunshine!

In library collection news: Parkville is now home to the Great Neck Library’s first Manga collection. We are very happy to be the pilot location for these books. The community has been very receptive of them, and we hope the collection will continue to grow.

The Library’s ever popular museum pass program has also continued here at Parkville. The community is thrilled that there are passes that can be reserved and checked-out from Parkville.

Every year holds many changes and we are eagerly anticipating what 2018 will hold for our beloved Parkville.

Justin Crossfox, MLS, Parkville Branch Head

Station Branch

The Station Branch has seen a lot of change this year and I have had the good fortune of starting as the new Branch Head here this December. The support of the entire staff here at Station and the whole Great Neck Library has been tremendous and I feel truly welcome at this busy and well-loved library.

The Branch was prepared for my arrival and I have everything I need from the outgoing manager, Kathleen Cotter, who will be missed! I am really grateful for the warm welcome from the community and for all the help I’ve received from the Station staff. We will continue the successful Conversational English with Barbara Buckley, and maintain the long-lived West Egg Book Group and the popular film screenings at Station, as well as the excellent programs for babies and toddlers with the experienced help of Judy Snow. However, we will also be adding some exciting new programs for children and youth and adults coming very soon! We look forward to our patrons using Station Library in new ways, for fun and for study.

We have moved around the book collection to serve you better. It would not have been possible without the amazing efforts of Gabriel Kane, Raisa Dreyzin, and Candice Douglin. The cookbooks now have their own section, and the paperback Great Reads have a bigger space so we can continue to grow that collection. You can find the test prep books, legal books, vocational books and tax help books in the Reference Area now. In the Children’s room, the books in series are all placed together up front where busy young readers can find the next great book to read.

Station is due for a renovation and we are excited to see what the Space Planners have in mind for us, and how we use our space better to benefit Great Neck. I am truly touched by the kind introductory welcomes I continue to receive from all the new patrons I am meeting, and welcome their comments and suggestions to make Station Branch even better.

2018 is going to be an exciting year and Station is ready to continue helping our community!

Irene Winkler, MLS, Station Branch Head